

**Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

**October 4, 2020
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
LWML Sunday**



Kingdom people produce
KINGDOM FRUIT

*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people
producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*

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Rev. J. Philipp Augustine, Pastor

Today's Bulletin Dedication St. Paul urges us to “press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:14). Birthdays are those occasions where we can pause and reflect on God’s blessings in our lives and give thanks for them. We also remember that we can take none of it with us so we must hold fast to God’s promises in Christ to keep our eye on the prize of the crown of eternal life. Today’s bulletin is given to the glory of God in honor of Lisa Hoekstra’s 60th birthday on October 6. Happy birthday, Lisa, and may the Lord continue to keep you in His care as you keep your eye on the heavenly prize of God’s gracious call into His holy family!

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask all members and guests to please check in with the attendance person as you wait to be seated in the CLC. We hope you are blessed by God’s grace in the worship service. Members, please inform the church office of needed prayers and visits.

If you would like to dedicate a bulletin in memorial of a loved one or celebration of God’s grace in your life, please contact the church office.

Liturgy: Setting One

Sermon: “The Joy of Losing Everything” from Philippians 3:4b-14

Hymns: 901 (1-3) - Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
536 (1, 4-5) - One Thing’s Needful

Pianist: Barb Lutringer

Elders/Ushers: 8:00 am: Mark Bartsh, Bob Walkes, Robert Lamprecht
10:00 am: Chris Stelling, Don Luckstein, Brent Wohlers

Altar Duty October: Todd & Sandy Wohlers & Becky Luckstein

Busy Bags: Will be available once COVID19 concerns are past.

Our Mission

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists to spread the Gospel in its truth and purity through Word and Sacraments in accordance with the Confession of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Immanuel Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel, so children become disciples of Jesus.

Holy Communion Statement

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

For our communicants: gluten-free host is available along with grape juice in the center of the individual cups for those who have allergies or sensitivities to those respective elements. Please request it as you approach the pastor or the elder.

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP:

Sunday, September 27: 106 Souls

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS:

Sunday, September 27: \$7,495.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized - The office is unaware of anyone hospitalized at this time. For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Barb Larson (534-2623) or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week:

October 4: Heather Egger-Lentz, Jessica Aarsvold, Brenda Pierce,
Andrea Dessner, Josphine Slater

October 5: Jonathon Mussell

October 6: Nicholas Herndon, Lisa Hoekstra, Aaron Pretzer,
James Bigelow, Eugene Schnell

October 7:

October 8: Lisa McCabe-Evans

October 9: Traci Barnes, Marni Zabel, Caleb Miller, Jason Feils

October 10: Heston Zabel, Richard Fuerstneau

If someone's name was inadvertently omitted, please call the church office.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Christ Caring for People through People - That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through. If someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Pastor Augustine (534-3700) or Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716). **Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.**



Mite Box Designs Change with the Times

Mite Boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings to reach out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Districts retain 75% of mite offerings for their work, with 25% set aside for national LWML. Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Mark 12:41-43), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants. The LWML has collected over **127 million dollars** since 1942. Yes — these coins have, and will, continue to make a difference. Thank you for contributing to the Mite Box and providing the opportunity for us to spread the Gospel to the world.